Mosquito Control Section spraying to start in spring woodland pools

'Fight the Bite' mission starts with woodland mosquitoes in Sussex County

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DOVER, Del. — The Mosquito Control Section within DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife this weekend will launch its annual campaign to protect Delawareans and First State visitors from biting mosquitoes. The Mosquito Control Section's first "Fight the Bite" mission for 2020 is the spraying of spring woodland pools to control aquatic immature mosquitoes starting Saturday, March 14, weather permitting. Spring spraying will begin in southern Sussex County and expand into Kent and New Castle counties over the next several weeks.

The spring woodland mosquito larvae spraying campaign marks the beginning of Delaware's annual mosquito control season, which in most years continues until late October or early November. Control activities will be expanded starting in late April to larval and adult saltmarsh mosquitoes, other freshwater mosquitoes, and urban and suburban container-breeding mosquitoes.

Mosquito spray announcements about the locations and times of scheduled spraying can be received by email, text, or phone notification by subscribing to Mosquito Control's Spray Zone Notification System at http://de.gov/mosquitospray. Spray information is also available by calling toll-free 800-338-8181.

To request localized mosquito control service, please call the Mosquito Control Section's field offices:

- Glasgow Office, 302-836-2555, serving New Castle County and the northern half of Kent County, including Dover.
- Milford Office, 302-422-1512, serving the southern half of Kent County south of Dover and all of Sussex County.

For more information about Delaware's Mosquito Control program, please call 302-739-9917.

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